

communicating results from the application programs by a wireless communication method to a user interface module comprising a portable user input device, the user interface module being disposed remote from the base computer system,

displaying results of the step of communication on a screen of the user interface module,

together transporting the base computer system and the user interface module to a second location,

processing application programs in the base station at the second location,

again communicating results from the application programs by a wired communication method to the user interface module, and

displaying results of the step of again communicating on a screen of the user interface module,

wherein, at both the first location and the second location, the steps of processing application programs in the base station are performed in response only to user input signals generated via the portable user input device.